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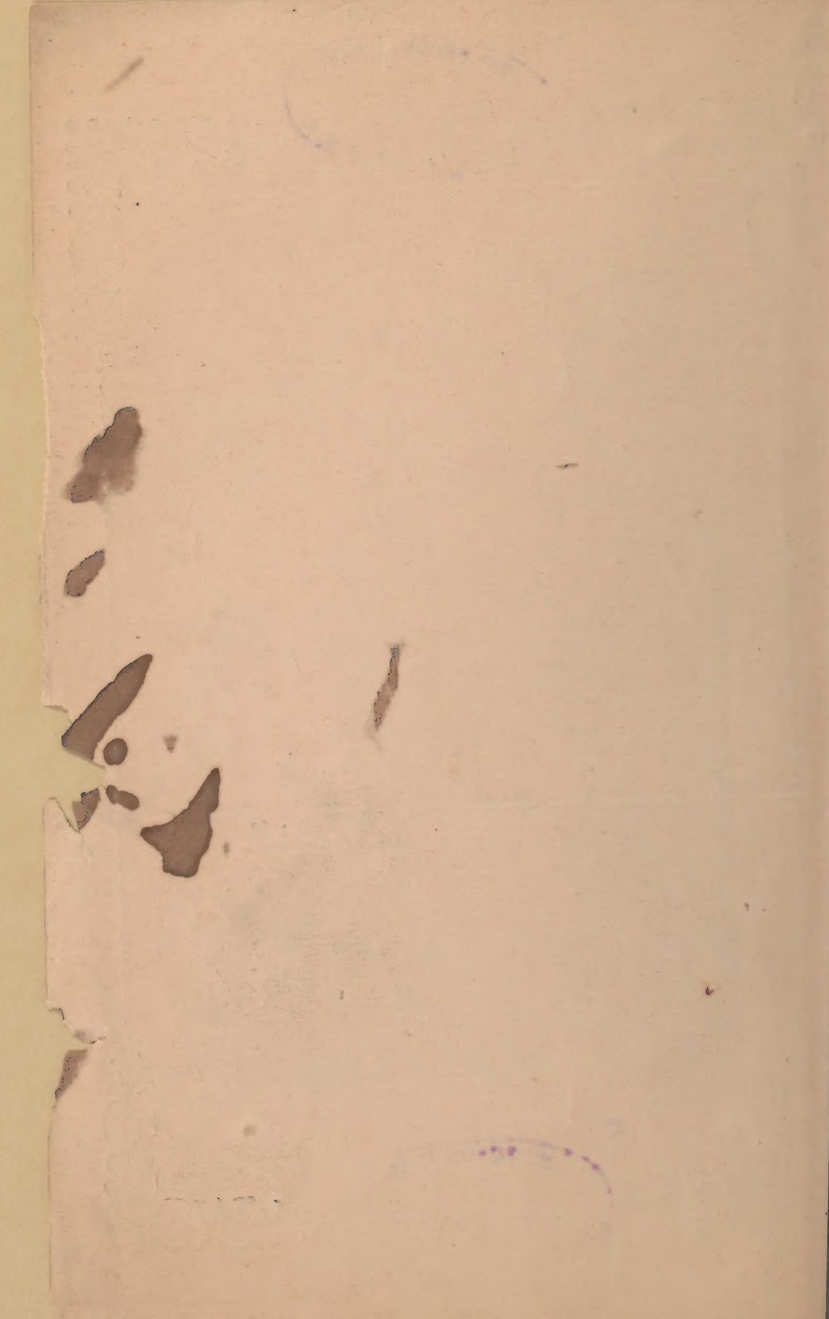
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THE TAWA TAWA HOUSE, XENIA SPRINGS,

Will open to the Public on Tuesday, June 1st, and remain open till Oct. 1st, 1852,

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF DR. S. SILSBEE.

ASSISTED BY MR. KINGSBURY OF THE "BURNET HOUSE," AND WM. WHITNEY, JR., OF THE "NEIL HOUSE."

Every arrangement will be made to insure a *brilliant and pleasant Season*, and to promote the *Health and Comfort of Visitors*. Neither pains or expense will be spared to secure

EXPERIENCED AND COURTEOUS OFFICIALS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

The Dining-Room will be in charge of Mr. A. Lewis of the "James Robb," superintended by Mr. KINGSBURY.

The Office will be in the hands of Wm. Whitney, Jr., of the "Neil House." A fine

Brass Band and a Million Band of Music,

are engaged for the Season; and

Select Hops, Masquerades, and Fancy Dress Balls,

interspersed at intervals, will impart life and animation to it.

AMUSEMENTS OF EVERY KIND WILL BE COMPLETE.

The *Shooting Gallery* is in charge of Mr. Wm. L. HUDSON, Cincinnati.

The *BOWLING* and *BILLIARD SALOONS*, will be under competent management..

THE PRIZES

will be run by Col. KEALHOFFER, Xenia, whose motto is "*fidelity and punctuality*." The Colonel has Two Splendid Nine-seat Carriages, got up expressly for the Springs, which, with any quantity of

BUGGIES AND SADDLE HORSES,

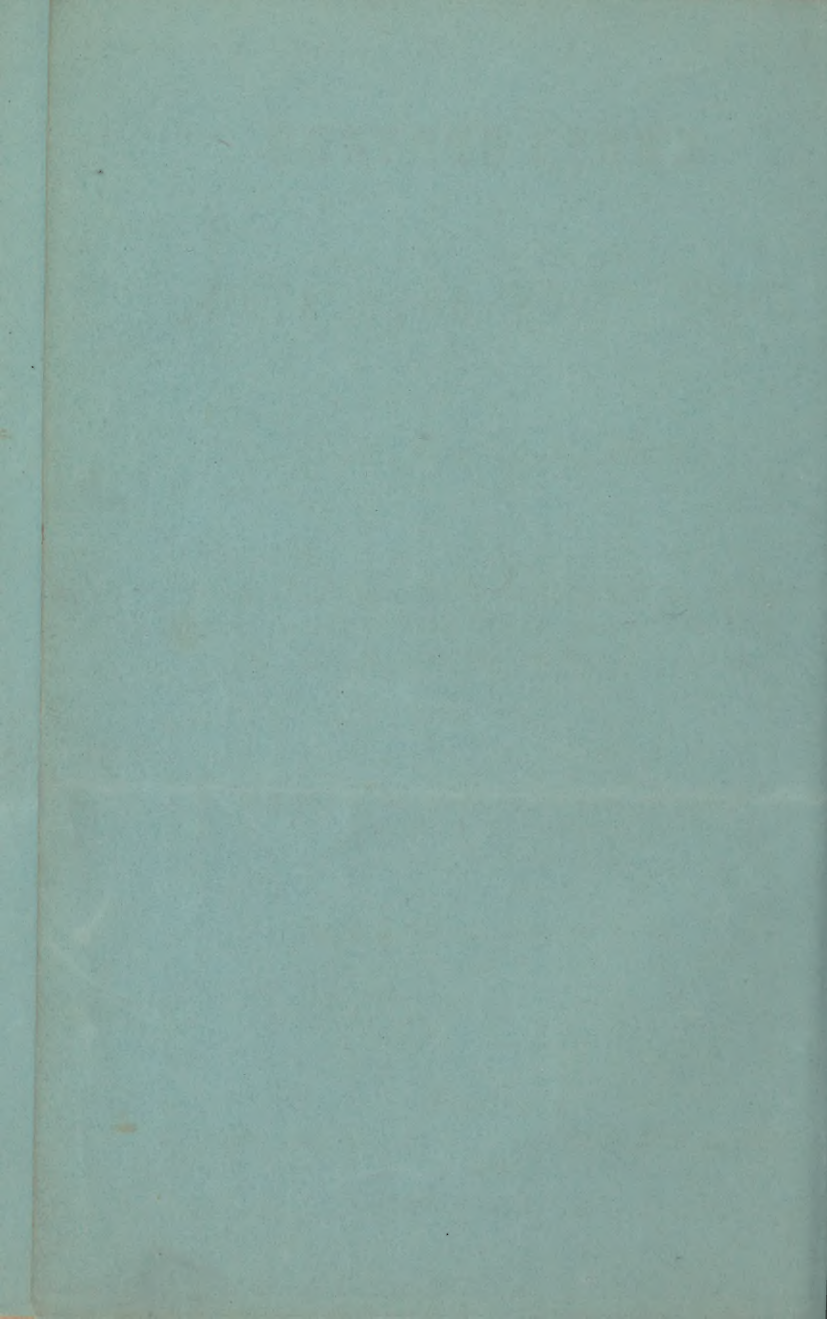
that may be required, will be at the service of Visitors.

The Omnibus will connect with EVERY TRAIN TO OR FROM XENIA, and Passengers landing at the Junction Depot from any direction need not be detained—thirty minutes ride over a fine turnpike and through a beautiful country brings them to the Hotel: *fare uniformly 25cts.—no charge for baggage.*

N. B. Cottage-holders and Boarders, for the Season, will be received (*in a quiet way*,) by the first of May; but the festivities will not commence till the time stated.

This place furnishes to FAMILIES the most delightful resort in the country. The Cottage system enabling them to enjoy as much or little society as they choose. The cheerful society, Chalybeate waters, fresh air, play-grounds for children, etc., being to such especially desirable.

Letters on subjects pertaining to the Hotel must be directed to S. SILSBEE, Sup., Xenia Springs.



XENIA SPRINGS

JOINT STOCK ASSOCIATION,

GREENE COUNTY, OHIO.

HISTORY OF THE ENTERPRISE. REMARKS CONCERNING
THE ASSOCIATION. DESCRIPTION OF THE SPRINGS.
QUALITY, LOCATION, ADVANTAGES, ETC., ETC.

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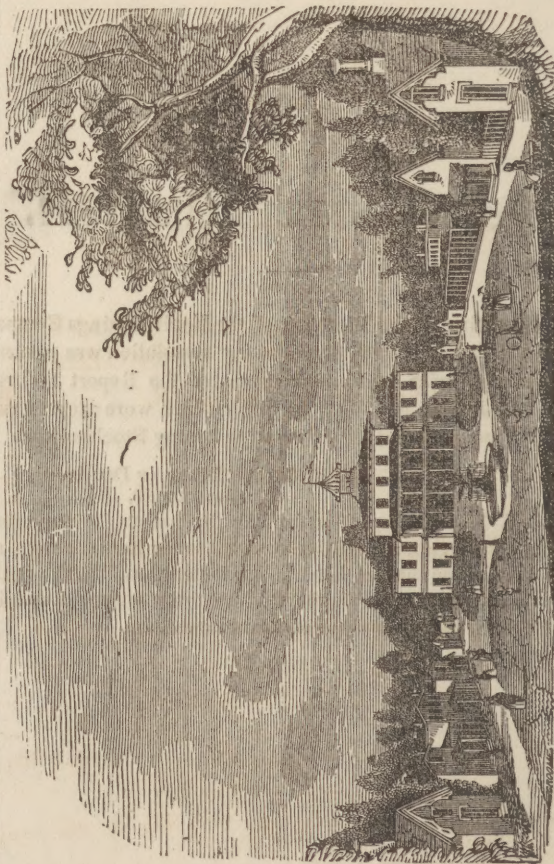
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RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTORS.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Xenia Springs Company, held in January, 1852, the following Resolution was passed. In accordance with which was presented the Report and remarks contained in the following pages which were adopted and ordered to be published for distribution among Stockholders.

XENIA SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }
January 28, 1852. }

Resolved, That our Superintendent Dr. S. SILSBEE, be requested to report such facts and statistics in regard to the XENIA SPRINGS, as will farther inform the Board in relation to their location, the quality of the waters, and the character of improvements made and in progress, to be handed in at his earliest convenience.



TAWAWA HOUSE, XENIA SPRINGS.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the Xenia Springs Company.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with your requisition upon me, contained in the resolution of January 28th, I have the honor to present to you the following report, containing what appears to me the chief subjects of interest. The short time allowed, and almost total want of preparation for the performance of a task so unexpectedly required of me, must have necessarily caused the omission of many important and interesting details. But I have complied, to the best of my ability, with the spirit of the requisition, and have selected chiefly the salient points, and those most likely to be matters of interest to the Board, in the future management of the affairs of the Company.

In relation to the origin of this enterprise, it is only necessary to remark, that many, if not most, of the Stockholders in the Company are fully aware of the serious want that has, for many years, been felt in Ohio, of some central accessible

HEALTHY PLACE OF SUMMER RESORT,

where the *man of business* could spend his short season of *elegant leisure*, with his friends and family, away from the *heat and bustle of city and business*. This want became serious when the Yellow Springs closed, some years since, in consequence of its purchase and occupation as a private residence, by a gentleman from Cincinnati. This circumstance, at first extremely annoying to many who had, for years, looked upon that place as their summer home, be-

came gradually forgotten, and various resorts were, one after another, brought into notice, in the South and East, but successively failed to meet the desires and requirements of Western people, for various reasons—as unhealthiness, inaccessibility, expense, inconvenience to business men, etc., till of late years, many efforts were made, from time to time, to restore the old place to the use of the public. One hundred thousand dollars have been offered and refused for the property; but all in vain. During the summer of 1849 and 1850, these facts became a source of conversation and complaint among the opulent and fashionables of the West. Encouraged by this state of things, one of your body, Mr. E. F. Drake, Esq. who was familiar with the lands throughout the State, selected, near Xenia, the point now known as the *Xenia Springs*, and after some time and trouble, succeeded in purchasing, of several owners, a property comprising a greater number of advantages, probably, than any watering place in the Western country. It was late in the fall of 1850 before the purchase was complete, or any one began to think of improving the property. Having associated with himself three other gentlemen, two of whom resided in Cincinnati, the matter became talked about in the city during December, and such was the warmth with which the enterprise was greeted, that, in a few weeks, plans were formed, lots sold, and on the 11th of February, 1851, the foundations of the present Tawawa House were laid, and steps taken to execute the design of opening it to the public, the ensuing summer; and this, to the surprise and satisfaction of every one, was actually accomplished, though in a manner not altogether satisfactory to the proprietors; and notwithstanding the incompleteness of every thing, such was the pressure and urgency of its friends, that the hotel opened, on the 3rd of July, 1851, to four hundred persons, and remained crowded, to its utmost capacity, during the season. And considering the unfinished state of the improvements, deficiency of amusements, and haste with which the whole thing was gotten up, its success can not but be considered as wonderful; and must be a source of satisfaction to all interested.

The *Architects* were MESSRS. WALTER and WILSON.

The *Builders*, MESSRS. RUNYAN and STICKNEY.

The frame timber was mostly cut from the place or vicinity, sawed in Xenia, by MESSRS. DRAKE and REID; and hauled back, a distance

of three miles. The pine lumber was obtained of WM. F. SMITH, of *Detroit*. Roofing of Messrs. S. M. and M. and M. C. WARREN, *Cincinnati*. Parlor furniture, J. O. CONCLIN, *Dayton*. Other furniture and fixtures, at *Cincinnati*.

It may be well to mention, in this connection, that the gentlemen pioneers whose zeal and example did much to produce this successful result, were:

HON. JACOB BURNET,
HON. J. C. WRIGHT,
CRAFTS J. WRIGHT,
R. W. BURNET,
N. C. McLEAN,
LEWIS CARNEAL,
THOS. T. WHITEHEAD,
N. G. PENDLETON,
ROBERT BUCHANAN,
CHAS. STETSON,
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H. M. WHITEHEAD,
JOHN SHILLITO,
TRUMAN WOODRUFF,
E. B. REEDER.
O. LOVELL,

who were the first purchasers of lots. The first lots laid off were 25 feet front, by 100 feet deep, and less than two acres of the property was thus sold, in a few weeks, for \$6,000. Some of these gentlemen erected cottages, the first season, at costs varying from \$600 to \$1500 each.

Col. N. G. Pendleton, Robert Buchanan, G. K. Shoenberger, and Walter Gregory, erected each handsome ornate cottages in the Swiss and Elizabethian style, with tasteful and elegant grounds surrounding. Eight others are built in a row, in the style of an Italian Villa. And I would here remark that when the plans now on foot and to be completed the ensuing year, are executed, and fill up the vacant lots on the lawn, it will present (in the language of

one of the most experienced landscape gardeners in the country) the most

TASTEFUL AND ELEGANT ARCHITECTURAL DISPLAY

of the kind, to be found.

The establishment was liberally sustained throughout the months of July and August, by a large, fashionable, and well-pleased company.

NOT A CASE OF SICKNESS

occurred during the season. Invalids, more especially children, with a tendency to bowel diseases, were particularly benefitted by

The Eracing Tonic Properties of the Iron Waters;

a fact of no small importance, when we consider the number of children, (some eighty,) of various ages, temperaments, and constitutions, who were there during the hottest season of the year.

With August, the House closed, in full tide of successful experiment; the result being no longer considered as problematical. In November, Mr. Drake, for reasons of a business nature, and after due deliberation with lot-holders and friends, decided that the interests and usefulness of the enterprise demanded it, and the property, appraised and valued at one hundred thousand dollars, was deeded to five gentlemen in trust, and

A JOINT-STOCK ASSOCIATION

at once formed; for the particulars of which we refer to the annexed

Preamble and Articles of Association.

PREAMBLE.

THE property, real and personal, known as the *Xenia Springs*, including the Land, the Hotel Building, with its Furniture, Steam Engine, Billiard Tables, Bowling Saloons, Stabling, etc., together with six Cottages and Furniture, is deeded by E. F. DRAKE, to

JOHN McLEAN,	JOHN C. WRIGHT,
ROBERT DUCHANAN,	THOMAS T. WHITEHEAD.
WILLIAM A. GOODMAN,	

or their survivors, forever, in trust for the benefit of a Joint-Stock Association; for the government of which, the following are the

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

The undersigned hereby agree to form an Association, to be known by the name of the "*Xenia Springs Company*," for the purpose of owning and maintaining, in joint-stock shares, as personal property to themselves, their heirs, and assigns, forever, the entire Xenia Springs Property, real and personal, which has been this day conveyed, by deed, in trust for the undersigned, their heirs, assigns, and associates, to John McLean, John C. Wright, Robert Buchanan, Thomas T. Whitehead, and William A. Goodman, Esqs., Trustees, and their survivors; and to said conveyance reference is made for a particular description of said premises and property.

The Capital Stock of the Company shall be *One Hundred Thousand Dollars*, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, for which Certificates of Stock shall be issued, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of the Association. Certificates of Stock shall be personal property, transferable by endorsement and delivery of the certificate; and no holder of Stock shall ever be liable to any assessment or contribution of any kind, on account of such ownership.

The affairs of the Company shall be managed by a President, a Secretary, and three or more Directors, all of whom shall be chosen by the Shareholders, each being entitled to one vote; but any vacancy happening between annual elections, shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board.

The President, Secretary, and Directors shall be a Board of Directors, and as such shall have the entire management of all the business of the Association, control its property, and in all things act for the Company; *but never, in any manner, shall they have power to incur any debt, which shall, in anywise, render the holder of that Stock individually liable.*

Two-thirds of the Shares represented, and agreeing, may direct the sale or conveyance of any or all of the property of the Company, and may accept any act of incorporation that may be passed for said Company; but, in the last case, *if any Shareholder object, after reasonable notice given of a meeting of the Company, for accepting any such charter, it shall be considered rejected.*

The Board of Directors may make all By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, (consistent with these Articles,) for the government of the Company; but the Shareholders, in general meeting, may repeal, change, or modify the same.

The first meeting of the Company, for the election of Directors, President, and Secretary, shall be held at such time and place as any three Stockholders may direct; but seven days notice thereof shall be given personally to each Shareholder, or published in some newspaper of general circulation in Cincinnati; meetings of the Company may, in like manner, be called at any future time.

The first Board of Directors shall serve till the 1st of January, 1853, and all future Boards, one year; and till their successors are elected.

Certificates of Stock shall be issued by the President and Secretary, in the first instance, on the order of said Drake, and ever after to the proper owner thereof. Two per cent. of the entire Capital Stock shall be reserved by the Company to complete the improvement of the property.

The Directors shall annually make a statement of the income of the property, at the time of electing the Board, and as often as they deem it expedient to make a dividend of profits.

The Board shall so lease, rent, or have the property used, as will best carry out the *object of this Association*, which is declared to be the maintenance of a respectable boarding-house or watering place, at the *Xenia Springs*.

All Shareholders shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, one vote for each Share subscribed.

ON January 23th, 1852. the Stockholders were called together, and the Board of Directors elected whom I have now the pleasure of addressing:

HENRY A. GOODMAN, PRESIDENT.

ISRAEL GARRARD, SECRETARY.

PETER OUTCALT, TREASURER.

DIRECTORS.

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J. YORKE, “	D. ADAMS, JR., <i>Columbus.</i>
R. W. BURNET, “	J. D. PHILLIPS, <i>Dayton.</i>
J. L. SCOTT, “	W. F. SMITH, <i>Detroit.</i>

J. H. SOUTHGATE, *Covington.*

The following resolution was at that time passed :

Resolved, That it is understood by the Stockholders of this Association, that no debt can ever be contracted by the officers or Stockholders, beyond the current income of the property belonging to the Association, and the proceeds of the Stock reserved for improvements, etc.

Also, further *Resolved*, That there shall be elected at this meeting, and afterward at the annual meeting, a Treasurer, (his duties to be defined by the By-Laws,) and a Board of twelve Directors, (in addition to those required by the Articles of Association,) to be called Advisory Directors; and that no debt, for improvements or otherwise, shall be contracted, after this year—1852—which shall reduce the income of the property to less than seven per cent. for dividends on the Capital Stock, without the advice and consent of a majority of the said Advisory Board, expressed in writing, and filed with the Secretary; unless for small amounts required for proper preservation of the property.

Also *Resolved*, That no lease for more than two years, of the Company's property, or sales, (except of the ordinary-sized cottage lots,) shall be made without consent of a majority of said Directors, expressed as aforesaid.

The Board met on the 28th. Dr. S. SILSBEE was appointed *Superintendent* and “*charge des affaires*” of the Hotel, for the ensuing season, under the control of a Committee of the Board. And, gentlemen, you have now the history of the rise, progress, and condition of the Spring Company, down to the present time.

You have under your control a property containing all the elements of success as a place of *fashionable resort*—improvements meeting, in their leading features, the requirements of a wealthy and culti-

vated community—a location as *beautiful and salubrious as the West affords*—central, and easily accessible by railroad or turnpike; and it remains only for me to call your attention to a few details in relation to THE SPRINGS, their nature, number, etc., the quality and extent of the improvements, whether finished or unfinished, in accordance with your request.

GREENE COUNTY,

occupying the highest lands, is one of the most cultivated and richest agricultural counties in the State, crossed by two railroads, and improved by numerous turnpikes, presenting highways for marketing of produce and transportation. Its productions represent almost every variety of agricultural labor the West affords. I mention this as a direct advantage to the Springs. For, cut up into numerous small farms, managed by a provident, and industrious population, there is no difficulty, (as in sparsely settled regions,) in procuring,

In the Choicest Variety and Greatest Abundance,

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF "CREATURE COMFORT,"
required by a large and fashionable Hotel.

Finely diversified by Hill Valley, near to the Yellow Springs, to Clifton, to the Falls of the Massies Creek, and numerous villages, accessible by excellent and pleasant roads, it presents to visitors the most

Delightful and Romantic Drives.

The head waters of the Miami, and several creeks afford

FINE BATHING AND EXCELLENT FISHING.

The property is in the region of the home of the Shawanees; and the numerous romantic forest glades, cliffs and wild scenery about it, are endeared to the old settlers, and preserved to history, by legends of *Indian exploits in love and war*. The long captivity of Mrs. Shelton, and her labors in the silver mines—the atrocities of Simon Girty—the Indian contests with Clark and Wayne, at different periods—Indian feuds, etc., are still fresh in the memories of Pioneers now living; and give, more or less,

A WILD, ROMANTIC INTEREST
to the place.

Such is the *abundance of streams, and picturesque diversity of hill and valley*, and such the variety of soil and substrata throughout this region, that not unfrequently,

SEVERAL DISTINCT VARIETIES OF WATER

may be found within a few hundred yards of each other; and as

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was selected with direct reference to this fact, the peculiarity is remarkably apparent upon this property.

THE CHALYBEATE SPRING,

nearest the Hotel, on the east, as seen in the map, was known formerly by an Indian title signifying

"BATH OF GOLD,"

in the Shawanee tongue, (termed so from the bright metallic color given to the stones over which the water flows.) This Spring runs about eighteen gallons per minute, and is remarkably free from lime or sulphur, but is strongly impregnated with *carbonate of iron*. It rises in a basin of its own, on a side hill, and has, in time, worn a passage for itself, to the deep valley beneath, over shelving banks, known among the old settlers, for fifty years, as the

"SHAWANEE BATHS;"

having been used for bathing by that tribe of Indians. And as late as 1800, the remains of the hollowed logs, to conduct the water, and arrangements for shower-bathing were still extant.

To the south of this, not one hundred yards distant, in a valley running toward the east, is another Spring, which formerly oozed out of the gravel banks, in millions of limpid, sparkling drops, which the Indians termed "*tears of silver*," a title derived probably from its supposed proximity to the site of the traditionary SHAWANEE SILVER MINE, which was thought to be in this vicinity. This spring has been dug out, and walled up, and runs some twelve or eighteen gallons per minute of soft, limpid water, twelve degrees colder than the other, and not containing a single trace of iron. It

shows, by analysis, sulphates of potash and soda, with traces of magnesia. While the first is powerfully tonic and chalybeate, with a metallic, astrigent taste, this is *laxative*, and has a pleasant flavor of the

WHITE SULPHUR WATERS.

South-east of this Spring, and not fifty feet distant, but separated from it by a little stream, rises another Spring, from the solid rock, less in quantity, but similar in quality to the first.

One hundred feet directly above this third Spring, is another small one, oozing from the blue clay, and differing, in its chemical properties, from either of the others.

One hundred feet north of the first, on the north-eastern slope, rise two small Springs, which are used for a *ball fountain*, placed thirty feet below, in the ravine, which, from its deep, dark, gloomy appearance, and singular effect produced in it by sun-set, has been called the

"VALE OF SHADOWS."

Again, directly north of the Hotel, near the Gymnasium, is a large spring, fifteen gallons per minute, containing SULPHATE OF IRON. The water from this is conducted by a Fall of twenty feet, to an HYDRAULIC RAM, by which it is thrown eleven hundred feet horizontally, and one hundred and twenty feet perpendicular hight, to a large cistern on the top of the Hotel, from whence it supplies the

FOUNTAIN IN THE LAWN.

North of this, about one hundred yards, and due west two hundred yards, in the Valley of Sighs, are two very excellent Springs of

PURE SPRING WATER,

possessing neither metallic taste nor smell of any kind.

This abundance and diversity of water exists throughout the entire tract. There are, in all, from

TWENTY TO THIRTY SPRINGS,

only six of which have as yet been opened. But as all that have been improved have increased almost ten-fold in quantity, it is to be hoped that further investigations will meet with similar success. The Spring

near the *Shooting Gallery*, which now runs from ten to fifteen gallons per minute, was apparent only by a wet, marshy spot of earth, some ten feet in width, and has gradually increased in quantity and improved in quality since it was cleared out.

In closing these observations on this branch of the report, I take occasion to suggest to the Board, the propriety of making early investigations of this subject, with a view to develop the latent aquatic advantages of this place. It is evident that

SULPHUR AND VARIOUS MINERAL SPRINGS EXIST,

which need only a little labor and taste to bring into use and importance; and an early appropriation is desirable, not only for this, but to improve and beautify those we have already in use. I would also advise your attention to the importance and advantage of an appropriation for the addition to the number of *out-door gratuitous amusements*. A more complete

GYMNASIUM AND CALISTHENIC

Department, is a feature that deserves notice. Additional SWINGS, BALL ALLEYS, RUSTIC SEATS, ARBORS, etc., to keep visitors occupied and amused, is a matter that should not be lost sight of.

We have two

BOWLING SALOONS,

one for ladies and one for gentlemen, each containing four alleys, which are in good order, and sufficient.

We had, last season, but one

BILLIARD TABLE,

and as we need more, it is important that the Board take into early consideration, the query as to whether it is expedient to supply the deficiency themselves, or to lease that department to some competent and responsible person, who shall fully meet the demands. The

SHOOTING GALLERY

is leased to Wm. Hudson, of Cincinnati, and is the most complete

and beautiful establishment of the kind in the country, very ornamental, and perfectly safe in its construction. The

BATHING DEPARTMENT

needs no improvement. The most desirable arrangements for WARM, COLD, SHOWER, SULPHUR, VAPOR, AND MEDICATED BATHS, renders it complete. DOUCHE BATHS may be erected at various points over the grounds, if the Board think it desirable, at very trifling expense. And when arrangements now making, for an increased supply of water, by means of the steam engine, are perfected, there is nothing more to be desired.

I would beg leave to dwell a moment upon this branch of the Report, to suggest to the Board the importance and propriety of having the Establishment kept open, from the 1st of October to the 1st of June as a

WATER CURE.

Numerous applications have been made, by invalids, during the past winter, for board and treatment; and there is no doubt but an "*Hotel des Invalides*," during the fall, winter, and spring months, will be eminently useful and profitable; especially as but little additional expense will be required. With a Plunge Bath, the present arrangements fulfil all the requirements of Hydropathy; and the excellent location, abundance of pure water, and medicinal properties of the Springs, are particularly advantageous features in an institution of that kind.

Arrangements have been made for the establishment of

A Circulating Library,

next season, which can not fail to meet your approbation.

The erection of a

CHAPEL FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES

is strongly desired and urged by our friends. On this point, I will simply observe, that the result of recent inquiries leads to the conclusion that one-half of the amount required can be raised in the neighborhood of the Springs, and the other half from lot-holders and friends in Cincinnati, and it will only be required of you to

donate the land. With such an arrangement, the Chapel will be under your control five months, and under the management of the neighborhood seven months, in the year. It only awaits your decision to push this matter to a completion.

The Company, who propose to run a

BRANCH RAILROAD

from the Hotel to the Columbus road—a distance of less than a mile—await the action of your body, to carry the project into immediate execution.

A TELEGRAPH OFFICE

can be established, connecting the Hotel with the world at large, at a very small expense, and is thought desirable.

The establishment of

A POST OFFICE,

at the Springs, is a consummation much desired by our visitors, and will meet with the warm assent, and hearty approbation of the entire neighborhood; and I would respectfully urge immediate action upon this point.

In relation to the IMPROVEMENTS IN CONTEMPLATION by others, I have made such inquiries as the time permitted. From ten to fifteen Cottages are in immediate contemplation. Others will doubtless be added; and in all probability, the lawn will be filled up with elegant and tasteful buildings, giving to it that

Symmetry and Beauty contemplated in the Plan.

A PROJECT is also on foot, to build one hundred or more rooms (each sixteen feet square,) in two rows, with neat cornice and Italian portico the entire length. It is proposed to lease one or more rooms for ten years, at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars each. We furnish servants, and the occupant the furniture, in lieu of which last, he obtains a discount of 12 per cent. from the regular price of board. Should this plan meet your approbation, steps will be taken to execute it the present season.

Since last season

A LARGE AND COMMODIOUS STABLE

has been erected, which, with sheds, etc., under way, will furnish ample accommodation for the horses and carriages of visitors, as well as

HORSES, BUGGIES, &c. AT LIVERY.

The *Plans of the House, Topographical Map, Invoice of Furniture, appliances of the house, etc., etc.*, are hereunto annexed. I have also appended a very just article, descriptive of the place, which appeared in the *Xenia Torchlight*, and subsequently in the *Cincinnati Gazette*. It may give an idea of the establishment, as well as public opinions concerning it. The voluntary expressions of the Press have from the first been as numerous and complimentary as they have been sanguine and friendly.

I have, in this Report, omitted, doubtless, many points of interest to the Board, but have given a just and fair estimate of what I conceive to be the leading features of the Establishment, which tend to make it (as declared in the Articles of Association) "*a respectable boarding house or watering place.*" It is my intention, as Superintendent, with your co-operation, to do at least this; and no reason exists why

All the requirements of Health, Pleasure, or Comfort

should not be fulfilled equally with any Hotel in the country. The elements are there, and I ask only your "aid and comfort," with the public favor, to insure it.

Respectfully,

S. SILSBEE, *Superintendent.*

THE XENIA SPRINGS.

[FROM THE XENIA TORCHLIGHT.]

THIS new and popular watering-place has, we understand, lately undergone a change in the administration by the formation of a Joint Stock Association, which we hope and predict will redound greatly to the credit of its enterprising and persevering projectors and proprietors, Messrs. E. F. DRAKE & Co., and also to the future advantage of the health-seeking and pleasure-loving public. Enterprises of such pith and importance to the public should *belong to the public*, and we much mistake the craving need for ten years, and the present want of just such an accessible, delightful resort, as these Springs are to Ohio, if this enterprise be not eminently successful, and the Stock as valuable as any of the kind.

The entire property is now held in trust by the Hon. Judge McLean, Hon. Judge Wright, Robert Buchanan, Thos. T. Whitehead and Wm. Aug. Goodman, Esqs., of Cincinnati. The Stock is divided into one thousand shares, of one hundred dollars each, and at the price (cost) at which the proprietors propose to dispose of a part of it, not only can not fail to pay a very handsome dividend, but will be a good speculation, as there are many reasons why it will be a ten-per-cent. Stock *at*, or even *above* par. The improvements are upon the handsomest and most extensive scale. Their Dining-room seats seven hundred and thirty persons. Their Parlor is about forty feet square. The Building itself is one hundred and fifty feet front, running back two hundred feet, part of which is four stories high, and contains about one hundred and fifty rooms, airy, high and light, and the whole establishment elegantly furnished in the most approved modern style. Their culinary and laundry operations are carried on by steam, and are said to be the most complete in the West. The conveniences for warm, cold, shower, vapor, and medicated Baths, surpass any Hotel attachments

we have seen. Water in abundance is conveyed over the house and to the fountains by steam engine and rams. The Association will also own eight ten-pin alleys, six cottages completely furnished, stabling, etc., etc. In short, the whole thing is well worthy of the taste of its proprietors, and fully competent to meet the wants of the public.

To our neighbors of Cincinnati and Columbus, these features are of peculiar importance, easily accessible by either railway, upon which, by the way, Stockholders, we understand, will pass at *half-price*. A Telegraph and Post-office established at the Hotel, making communication to and fro easy and immediate. A Company here stands ready at the will of the Association to construct a Branch Railway from the Hotel to the Columbus Road, a beautiful little miniature affair, designed both for use and ornament. All these advantages, possessed by no other place in the West, that we know of, has already, and must continue to make these Springs a popular and fashionable resort—the first essential toward making the Stock a good one.

Our opinion that the Stock will pay a handsome per cent. upon its par value, is based upon the following data: we understand the premises can be rented to a good Eastern man for \$5000 per annum, which, with the probable sale of lots, say about \$3000 more, will amount to eight per cent. on the capital stock. Another arrangement, however, (which we think will not only pay better, but will be more satisfactory to the public most interested,) can be made with one of the most competent men in the West, to keep the Hotel for a small per centage of the profits. We allude to Mr. Kingsbury of the Burnet House, who, assisted by Dr. Silsbee, the present competent Superintendent of the Springs Company, have assented to take charge of the Tawawa House during the watering season, on these terms. If this arrangement is consummated, and one month's business last season may be taken as a basis for calculation, at a period when the house labored under numerous disadvantages, which need never exist, four months of good management will easily nett the Stockholders ten per cent. upon one hundred thousand dollars. This consummation will be constantly rendered more certain by the continued sale of Stock to numerous persons; to some as a speculation, and to others wishing to reside with their families at the Springs, or to visit them. The possession of Stock enabling them to pass at half-fare to and from the Springs; also by

the sale of lots and continued erection of cottages, furnishing both new guests, and accommodations for them.

The thing appears to us a brilliant and successful enterprise, as we know it already a much-needed one; and can not but think that its friends will promptly and liberally come up to sustain it. The object of the proprietors is, to interest, as Stockholders, at least one hundred persons, which, when done, renders a par stock a sure thing; in view of which they can very well afford to sell a moiety at even less than cost, reaping their reward in the rise of Stock, and the pride of a useful and successful enterprise.

The Articles of the new Association are before us; and we remark, in conclusion, that according to it, no debt can ever be contracted, no individual-liability charter accepted by its Directors, nor can any assessments ever be made upon Shareholders, or they, under any circumstances, be made liable for any amount beyond their stock, which is paid for when issued. So that when the hundred names are obtained, the Association come into possession of this valuable and beautiful property, furnished, finished, and paid for, yielding them a handsome dividend, with the certainty of increasing in value. We are, with our friends of the Cincinnati Commercial, in for that Stock.



